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Overview

This bill establishes a new procedure for filling vacancies in the office of county attorney. The county board would be authorized to temporarily fill a vacancy by appointment; an election must occur to fill the vacancy within one year of the date the office becomes vacant.

Section

- 1** **Vacancies in county offices.** Establishes a procedure for filling a vacancy in the office of county attorney. New subdivision 2 authorizes the county board to temporarily appoint a licensed attorney to fill a vacancy in the office of county attorney, following procedures already contained in law, provided that a special election must be held to fill the vacancy within one year of the date the office became vacant. If less than one year remains in the unexpired term, the vacancy must be filled at the general election and not at a special election.

A person elected to fill a vacancy serves the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is elected and qualified.

- 2** **Vacancies; how filled.** Provides a cross-reference to reflect the changes made in section 1.